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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL Washington

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10 March 1959

MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMPARATIVE EVALUATIONS GROUP
NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

SUBJECT:

Comparative Evaluation Study on Submarine

Weapons and Anti-Submarine Warfare Capabilities

REFERENCE:

Memorandum for the Group from the writer

dated February 12, 1959

With the approval of the Chairman, the meeting of the NSC's Comparative Evaluations Group originally set for March 9, 1959, is now scheduled to be held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, March 16, 1959, in the JCS Conference Room, at the Pentagon.

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J. Patrick Coyne Secretary Comparative Evaluations Group

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DCI

: Proposal for Comparative Evaluation of US and Soviet Lead Times SUBJECT

This is to remind you that at the Monday X March meeting, you may wish to suggest the above comparison as next one after Computer Technology.

Attached is Dr. Scoville's memorandum noting that we have seven studies of Soviet lead times underway. Comparison should be confined to these.

Dr. Scoville urges that you seek if possible tentative agreement on this subject, so that he can get together an inter-agency intelligence study group to do some planning before the Comparison is formally undertaken.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to DD/I (NSC)

SUBJECT : Comparative Evaluation Study on Lead Time

1. A leadtime study would in my opinion be a valuable undertaking in support of future policy decisions. OSI is prepared to assist in any way possible in the preparation of material.

3. Notwithstanding the simeable amount of work remaining to be done we believe that we have sufficient material on which to begin at this time. So that we may round out our work, however, we suggest that the final evaluation presentation be scheduled now for completion about six months hence. We believe it important to begin work with an interagency study group as soon as possible in order that mutually acceptable terms of reference can be developed and used from the outset to guide further efforts.

4. Whenever you wish, I will be glad to recommend an Agency representative for the study group.

ASSISTANT Director
Scientific Intelligence

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MREORANDEM FOR: Secretary, Comparative Evaluations Group

SUBJECT

: Comparative Evaluation of Computer Tachnology

1. I endorse Dr. Killian's proposal for an evaluation of U. 3. and Soviet computer technology and the procedure he proposes.

2. I am informally designating of my Office of Scientific Intelligence to provide Dr. Killian's panel with whatever intelligence assistance they need.

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ALLEN W. DULLES Director

cc: General Twining Dr. Killian

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MEMORANDUM FOR: DCI

Subject

Briefing on Second Comparative Evaluation and Selection of Next Topic

1. The comparison of Soviet and US submarine and ASW capabilities
will be presented to the Evaluations Group on Monday, 9 March (see Tab A).

Admiral who handled our end, is prepared to brief you in advance.

- 2. The meeting will also decide on the next topic. As you will recall, the Group tentatively decided at its last meeting on the comparison of computer technology suggested by Dr. Killian. He has now submitted a proposal that it be undertaken by his office, drawing on a team of senior people from industry and government (see Tab B). Although the procedures adopted by the Group call for you and General Twining normally to designate the people to undertake each evaluation, the MSC directive (MSC 5815) permits wide latitude and Dr. Scoville agrees that Dr. Killian's proposal is the best way to handle this topic.
- 3. Dr. Killian's memorandum indicates that if his proposal is satisfactory he will request you to name someone to work with his office.

 Dr. Scoville has already informally nominated ________ of OSI. ORR also has some material which it will provide via

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4.	Recommendation: Th	at you approve Dr. Killian's proposal	
and inf	ormally designate	of OSI to assist his group.	25X1
A memore	andum to this effect :	is attached for signature (see Tab C).	
Since th	he entire computer st	udy will be done by Killian's office	
and sind	ce intelligence on suc	ch general scientific subjects is a	
primary	OIA responsibility,	I believe that you need not consult	
the USII	formally on your not	minetion in this case, but merely	
inform t	them of the new topic	and procedure when approved.	
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MR. DULLES:

For your meeting today at 2:00 with the Comparative Evaluation Group - JCS Conference Room.

Admiral and OSI, will accompany you

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